



A new national network has been formed to promote research about cancer and genetics. *The Cancer Genetics Network* includes eight major cancer centers and is funded by the National Cancer Institute. Some individuals with cancer and their family members will be asked to provide information to a registry that is part of the Cancer Genetics Network.

The Rocky Mountain Cancer Genetics Coalition is a part of the Cancer Genetics Network. It consists of the three universities listed on the front of this brochure.

By joining the Cancer Genetics Network, you will become an important partner in the battle against cancer.

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THE CHALLENGE

This is an exciting time in the fight against cancer. Almost every month a new gene that affects cancer is discovered. Although the number of people who have changes in these genes is small, with their help doctors can understand how genetic changes cause cancer. As we learn more about the causes of cancer, we will be able to develop new ways to prevent, detect, and treat cancer.



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AN INVITATION

We may need your help. If you have had cancer, or you have a history of cancer in your family, we will ask you to answer a few questions about your health and the health of your family members. Based on your answers to these questions, you may be asked to join the Cancer Genetics Network and take part in future cancer research projects. We may also need help from your family members. The more people who participate, the sooner we can find the answers.

A NEW RESOURCE

The Cancer Genetics Network is made up of eight well-known cancer centers that have joined together. All eight centers and their affiliated clinics are inviting volunteers who have had cancer (or who are at risk) into the network. The Rocky Mountain Cancer Genetics Coalition is one of these centers.

The information gained will be used by researchers all over the country who are studying inherited cancers. This way, we can do more together than any one research group or university alone.

Keeping your information confidential is crucial to the success of this network and is one of our top priorities. Your name will never be used without your permission. However, some of the information that you contribute, after removing your identification, may be shared with other centers.



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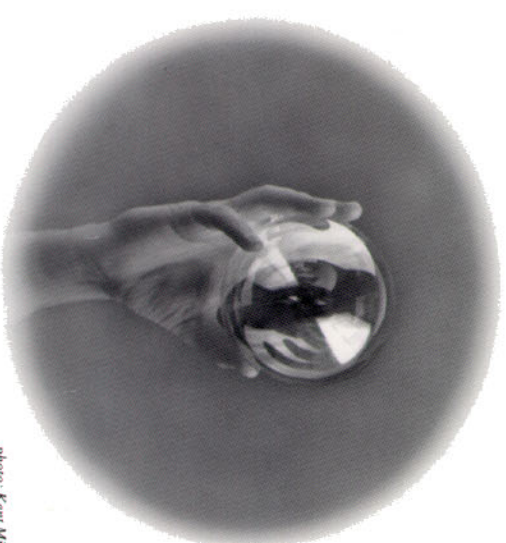


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THE QUESTIONS

There are many unanswered questions about the relationship between cancer and genetics. Here are some we hope to answer with the information that is collected:

- ◆ How common are the genetic changes that cause cancer?
- ◆ Why do some people with genetic changes get cancer and others don't?
- ◆ How does a person's lifestyle interact with these genetic changes to cause cancer?
- ◆ How can we use our new knowledge of genetic causes to help prevent cancer?
- ◆ How can we improve cancer treatments?